

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cheri Williams on her selection as the Haywood County Virtual Academy Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Williams is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has been selected as the Haywood County Virtual Academy Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Ashland, Kentucky, Cheri Williams graduated from Berea College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981 and completed her Post-Graduate Teaching Certification in 1994 through the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, Ms. Williams has taught at Haywood County Schools, constantly adapting and learning each year to better serve her students; and

WHEREAS, after the passing of her husband, Mike, in 2010 and her daughter Brittany in 2022, she persevered through her grief because of her love for her students; and

WHEREAS, she is grateful for the love and support of her daughter Rheanne; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Williams is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Williams truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Cheri Williams on being chosen as the Haywood County Virtual Academy Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.